

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A reinforcement structure for a front-end module carrier comprising:
  - an upper member having a hood latch;
  - a vertical member connected to a middle portion of the upper member so as to support the upper member;
  - a lower member fixed to a lower portion of the vertical member, the lower member having a downwardly curved shape and ~~bending~~ extending forward from the reinforcement structure; and
  - side members, wherein the lower member comprises side fixing portions which contact said side members, and ~~the width~~ a height of the lower member at said side fixing portions is substantially greater than ~~the width~~ a height of the lower member ~~where~~ at the location that the lower member is fixed to the lower part of the vertical member.
2. (Previously Presented) The reinforcement structure as set forth in claim 1, wherein the lower member has a constant curvature toward a front side.
3. (Cancelled)

4. (Previously Presented) The reinforcement structure as set forth in claim 1, wherein the lower member bends forwardly so as to absorb shock applied to the front side of the front-end module carrier, to thereby prevent transmission of the shock to internal components of the carrier.

5. (Currently Amended) A reinforcement structure for a front-end module carrier comprising:

an upper member having a hood latch;

a vertical member connected to a middle portion of the upper member so as to support the upper member; and

a lower member fixed to a lower portion of the vertical member, the lower member having a shape ~~curved~~ that curves downwardly and forwardly, the lower member comprising a narrowest portion to which the vertical member is fixed.

6. (New) The reinforcement structure according to claim 1, wherein the narrowest portion of the lower member includes a region to which the vertical member is fixed, the narrowest portion comprising part of the downwardly curved shape.

7. (New) The reinforcement structure according to claim 1, wherein the lower member comprises a narrowest portion that is positioned at a central region of the lower member.

8. (New) The reinforcement structure according to claim 1, wherein the lower member comprises a narrowest portion that is positioned more forwardly than the side members.
9. (New) The reinforcement structure according to claim 1, wherein the upper member has a curved shape so as to extend forwardly at a central portion of the upper member.
10. (New) The reinforcement structure according to claim 1, wherein the vertical member is fixed to a middle portion of the lower member.
11. (New) The reinforcement structure according to claim 5, further comprising side members, the side members contacting side fixing portions of the lower member, the side fixing portions being substantially greater in height than a height of the narrowest portion of the lower member.
12. (New) The reinforcement structure according to claim 5, wherein the upper member has a curved shape so as to extend forwardly at a central portion of the upper member.

13. (New) The reinforcement structure according to claim 11, wherein the narrowest portion of the lower member is positioned more forwardly than the side members.

14. (New) The reinforcement structure according to claim 1, wherein the lower member comprises a substantially continuous curve.

15. (New) The reinforcement structure according to claim 5, wherein the lower member comprises a substantially continuous curve.